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SUBJ: (CLOU) AFGHAN REFUGEE SITUATION IN PAKISTAN

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2. RE THE DEPT'S QUESTION IN PARAGRAPH 7 OF THE REFTL, WE CAN EXPECT THE KHALQI REGIME TO OPPOSE UNHCR ASSISTANCE TO THE AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN. SINCE THE EXPIRATION OF THE AMNESTY CAMPAIGN KABUL DIRECTED AT THE REFUGEES SOME MONTHS AGO, THE DRA HAS REPEATEDLY STATED THAT IT DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THESE EXILES AS "REFUGEES," REFERRING TO THEM INSTEAD AS "CRIMINALS" WHO ARE BEING EXPLOITED BY "REACTIONARY FORCES" IN PAKISTAN TO ATTACK AFGHANISTAN FROM SAFEHAVEN BASED BEYOND THE DURAND LINE.

3. WHEN THE IDEA OF UNHCR ASSISTANCE FOR THE REFUGEES WAS RAISED TENTATIVELY SOME MONTHS AGO, THE DRA REACTED STRONGLY AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF THE UN'S SO "INSULTING" A UN MEMBER. AT THAT TIME, LOCAL PAKISTAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT PAKISTAN, NOT WANTING TO RILE THE TOUCHY AFGHANS ANY FURTHER, HAD DECIDED NOT TO PRESS FURTHER FOR UNHCR ASSISTANCE.

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